

## REMARKS:

Case History and Reason for Preliminary Amendment

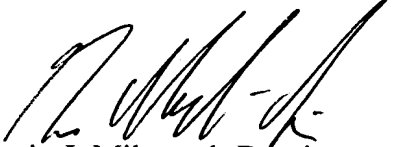
In the International Search Report, the Authorized Officer cited Miwa (U.S. No. 5,626,428), Iwata et al. (U.S. No. 6,009,338), Munyon (U.S. No. 5,973,607), and Power (U.S. No. 4,615,629) as prior art of particular relevance to the issues of novelty and/or to inventive step. In response to this Report, the applicant demanded preliminary examination, cancelled the claims originally filed with the PCT application, and submitted new claims 20-33 and remarks under Article 34 of the PCT. As a result, a clear International Preliminary Examination Report has issued.

Therefore, the applicant requests that the claims included herewith, which correspond to the claims submitted under Article 34 of the PCT, be entered for examination in the present case. In view of the clear International Preliminary Examination Report, the applicant believes that new claims 20-33 recite allowable subject matter.

No fee is believed to be due with this amendment. Should there be any unforeseen costs, please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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